

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As stated above, Applicant elects Group III, claim 8, drawn to a cutter apparatus with a special technical feature of a specific guide configuration (and claim 1, which the Examiner has considered generic), for further prosecution and respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction for the following reasons:

It is believed that any search for the invention embodied in Group III would necessarily include a search for the inventions embodied in Groups I, II and IV. Thus, the simultaneous search for all the groups is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

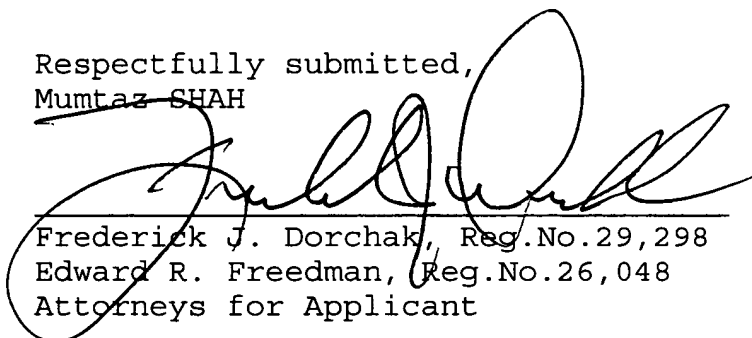
In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all groups. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications in this case does not serve to promote the public interest because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public, due to the

necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of the subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected inventions.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 be withdrawn and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

Respectfully submitted,
Mumtaz SHAH



Frederick J. Dorchak, Reg.No.29,298
Edward R. Freedman, Reg.No.26,048
Attorneys for Applicant

COLLARD & ROE, P.C.
1077 Northern Boulevard
Roslyn, New York 11576
(516) 365-9802

FJD:cmm

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 24, 2008.



Amy Klein